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- 1. PTO list of patents cited
- 2. Discussion under rule 98
- 3. Cited patents as follows; 6,331,293

Applicant respectfully contends that this package conforms to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97. Applicant respectfully requests that the information contained herein be considered by the examiner in charge of the case.

Respectfully submitted;

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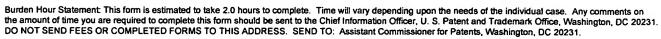
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## Discussion Under Rule 98

U.S. Patent 6,331,293 issued December 18, 2001 to Smith et al describes phosphobetaines that are derived from dimer acid. Unlike the compounds of the present invention, these materials are amphoteric surfactants and are barriers when applied to the skin. It is stated that the compounds are "extremely substantitive to human skin and are well tolerated by human tissue making them suitable for use preparation of barrier products for personal care applications". Unlike these materials, the compounds of the present invention are not amphoterics, but are quats, are not barriers but are conditioning agents that do not build up on the hair or skin.

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